



5<sup>th</sup> December 2021  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

St James' Church  
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**Notices**

**Decorating for Christmas**

To help with decorating the church, come on Christmas Eve in the morning. To find out more, speak to Pat Snell or Liz Holland.

**Mince Pies for the Carol Service**

To contribute, please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

**Order your Christmas Gifts**

Still looking for gifts? Check out the Fairtrade stall in the hall after the service today, or ask for a Christmas catalogue!

**Refreshing Assistance: Coffee Rota**

More helpers are needed for this aspect of our welcome. Contact the parish office.

**Collect**

*O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.*

10.00 am Music

*Music setting: Inwood et al.*

**Offertory hymn 400**

**Long Ago, Prophets Knew**

**Recessional hymn 270**

**Hills of the North, Rejoice**

*Organ Voluntary*

*Rorate Coeli from Advent Suite (by Pietro A Yon)*

**This Week**

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> December** Luke 5 vv. 17 – 26

Nicholas, bishop, ca. 326

10.30 am The Old Rectory, Communion

7.00 pm Singers' rehearsal

**Tue 7<sup>th</sup> December** Matthew 18 vv. 12 – 14

Ambrose, bishop, teacher of the faith, 397

**Wed 8<sup>th</sup> December** Matthew 11 vv. 28 – 30

Ember day

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12.00 noon Holy Communion

2.30 pm Fr Henry: Reflective practice

**Thu 9<sup>th</sup> December** Matthew 11 vv. 11 – 15

4.00 pm Church closed for cleaning

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> December** Matthew 11 vv. 16 – 19

Ember day

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> December** Matthew 17 vv. 10 – 13

Ember day

**Next Sunday: 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent** Luke 3 vv. 7 – 18

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

3.00 pm Exeter Nativity: *A Journey to*

*Life at Exeter Cathedral*

4.00 pm Christingle Service

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

## Advent Wreath Prayer

**Lord Jesus, Light of the World, the prophets said you bring peace and save your people in trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide and show all the world God's love.**

### First Reading: Malachi 3 vv. 1-4

Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

### Second Reading: Philippians 1 vv. 3-11

My brothers and sisters, I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

### Gospel Reading: Luke 3 vv. 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."'

### Post Communion Prayer

**Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

#### TODAY



11.30 am

Fairtrade Stall in the hall

11.30 am

Fr Steve's birthday celebration in the hall: All welcome

6.00 pm

Evening Prayer with Benediction